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**MAYOR MITCHEL** before the Thompson committee yesterday, when he read the record of the telephone conversations that were intercepted when the wires were tapped in the charities investigation by order of the Police Department.

## WHOLE CHURCH NOT BLAMED IN MAYOR'S PLOT CHARGE

**"Only a Group and Non-Catholic Laymen," He Says  
Sought to Hamper City in Effort to Better  
Charities Conditions.**

The Mayor prefaced his recital of the alleged conversations with the following statement—a resume of the case as he presented it at the hearing on Tuesday :

For two years and a half, as the representative of all the people of this city, I have been endeavoring to secure humane treatment and proper care for the 22,000 homeless and dependent children committed as city wards to

private charitable institutions. I have been endeavoring to secure proper administration of the \$5,000,000 of public funds annually disbursed to these institutions for the care of the city's wards.

That is the cause I am fighting for.

and I shall continue to fight for it no matter what damage it may bring to me, for it is a matter of public duty and personal conscience. In this work I have found myself and my Commissioner of Charities opposed, stifled, misrepresented and obstructed.

by certain interests and influences. I have endeavored to learn what these influences are which have sought to interfere with or to control a branch of the government of this city.

In connection with the inquiry conducted by the Governor's Commissioner

Mr. Charles H. Strong, under the Moreland act it came to the knowledge of the city's authorities that certain crimes had been committed. In securing the evidence of the commission of these crimes the Police Department has brought to light the conspiracy

his brought to light the conspiracy which was hatched to frustrate the work of the Department of Charities. The evidence of the commission of the crimes is also the evidence of the ex-

**ALLIES GET REPLY TO MAIL SEIZURE NOTE** **SAYS TIRPITZ WOULD HAVE PREVENTED WA**

<p><b>U. S. Takes Issue With Entente's Views and Insists Acts Are Illegal.</b></p>	<p><b>Bassermann Declares as Chancellor He Might Have Made Pact With England.</b></p>
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WASHINGTON, May 24.—The reply of the United States to the last joint note of the British and French Governments the question of interfering with mails

on the question of the note, which has been completed and was communicated to-day to the French and British Ambassadors for transmission to Paris and London. The note will be made public on Saturday.

It is understood that the United States Government has promised to purchase the former Minister of Marine, Graf Admiral von Tirpitz, from which *Hamburger Nachrichten* quotes the following:

"England," says Bassermann, "has

takes issue with all the main points raised in the last note from the Entente. The Government denies that the seizure of mails from the United States to neutral countries can be construed as coming within the spirit of international law, and it fails to see how Great Britain and

France can legally justify their procedure on the ground that Germany has violated the law.

It has been the constant contention of the State Department that two wrongs do not make a right, and the United States cannot see why its in-

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, has had several talks with Counsellor Polk relative to settling the matter of detention and seizure of property.

dispute over obtaining his shares of mails, the Ambassador has stated that the Entente is willing to do everything which can be done without interfering with matters of vital military expediency in order to adjust the matter with the United States.

The most serious aspect of the question at present is the fact that the Entente claims Germany is violating postal regulations by arranging for the sending of contraband from the United States. The Entente claims that this necessitates some supervision of the mails.

**GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.**  
See the case of six glass stoppered bottles.  
—Adv.